



## Hon. Edmund Yazzie awarded Ramah Navajo Special Award

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PHOTO: From left to right: Steven Eldridge, Chief of Police for Ramah Navajo Police Department; Jesse Delmar, DPS Division Director; Hon. Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie; and Daryl Noon, Chief of Police.

**LEUPP, Ariz. —** On Friday, Hon. Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) of the 24th Navajo Nation Council attended the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Christmas and Retirement Banquet at Twin Arrows Navajo Resort & Casino.

The banquet was held to honor retiring Navajo Nation officers and law enforcement officials for their service by different departments. In recognition for being the youngest officer at Ramah Navajo Police Department, Hon. Yazzie was awarded the Ramah Navajo Special Award.

“As a young officer at Ramah Navajo Police Department, I remember thinking while many of my friends were out celebrating and having fun, what was I doing going on police calls?,” remarked Hon. Yazzie. “However, I am grateful for my time as an officer as it prepared me for the challenges and duties it takes to be an elected leader. Thank you to Ramah Navajo Police Department, Chief of Police Daryl Noon, Chief Eldridge, and Mr. Delmar for this award.”

Jesse Delmar, DPS Division Director, and Steven Eldridge, Chief of Police for Ramah Navajo Police Department, awarded Hon. Yazzie, “[In], recognition of being the first youngest police officer serving Ramah Navajo Law Enforcement.”

In 1988, Hon. Yazzie joined the Ramah Navajo Police Department where he would often tag alongside other officers on excursions. It was noted that due to being 19 years old at the time, Hon. Yazzie was not permitted to carry a firearm but was grateful for the experiences the job showed him.

During the banquet, Hon. Yazzie was praised for his eagerness and loyalty in which he shared that while many of his peers were having fun, he would be on duty. In addition to being an officer, Hon. Yazzie's law enforcement career included being a jailer and a dispatcher.

Additional awards were given out from the Navajo Nation Department of Corrections, Department of Criminal Investigations, Department of Emergency Medical Services, Navajo Police Department, and Fire and Rescue Services.

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